



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Mahalingham, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/034,186  
For: TOPICAL LIGHTENING COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE  
Filed: December 28, 2001  
Examiner: Patricia A. Patten  
Art Unit: 1654  
Confirmation No.: 7732  
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 680.0054USU

**Mail Stop Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing a Response to Election of Species Requirement in response to the communication dated December 2, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	26	Minus	31	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	4	Minus	3	1	x \$200.00	\$200.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

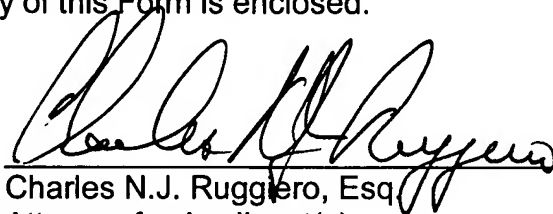
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$200.00.

X A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

January 3, 2005

Date



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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, an election of species has been made according to the following:

The section entitled "Amendments to the Claims" begins at page 2.

The section entitled "Remarks" begins at page 8.

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